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FACTIONAL DEMOCRATS

- Special to The Citizen.
- Silver City, N. M., April 14.—The territorial democratic convention convened this morning in accordance with adjournment yesterday afternoon.
- Hon. A. H. McMullen, of Albuquerque, was made permanent chairman, with Hon. A. B. Herzer, of Santa Fe, and Hon. H. E. W. Herzer, of Roswell, permanent secretaries.
- Resolutions for William R. Hearst, instructing the delegates for him, were introduced by Hon. Antonio Joseph.
- A hard fight is being made against and for instructing the delegates for Hearst. Some of the politicians are against instructing the delegates at all, and others for instruction.
- Rousing speeches by both sides are now in progress, and the convention is strictly a lively, on-the-fight one.
- Delegates to the St. Louis national convention will be named later this afternoon.
- Later—Hearst's advocates carry convention by two votes.
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From the independent.

Silver City is in gala attire today in honor of the democratic territorial convention. Nearly every business house is displaying the national colors, and the town is in holiday dress.

The delegates and convention visitors commenced arriving yesterday, and this morning a train, which was straight passenger and Pullman from Denver instead of the regular mixed freight and passenger, brought in over 100 people.

The convention is one of the largest attended in years, and all of the twenty-four counties are represented. After the arrival of the train, and when the delegates had secured quarters, a meeting of the central committee was held in the parlor of the James Vincent hotel. Chairman Hopewell presiding and Hon. A. B. Herzer acting as secretary in the absence of Judge Launstein, who was unable to come by reason of recent severe injury.

A temporary organization for the convention was named by the selection of Hon. Antonio Joseph of Taos County as temporary chairman, and Hon. A. B. Herzer of Santa Fe county as temporary secretary; Hon. H. C. de Baca of San Miguel county and A. L. Torres of Socsor county being chosen as interpreters.

The fall convention or the nomination of delegates to congress was referred to Las Vegas by a unanimous vote, the site of the same being left to the discretion of the executive committee.

It was decided to call the convention to order in Morris opera house promptly at 2 o'clock.

It was twenty minutes past 3 o'clock, however, when Chairman W. H. Hopewell formally called the convention to order, after which the original call was read by Secretary Herzer.

Chairman Hopewell then announced the personnel of the temporary organization as determined upon at the meeting of the central committee, and upon motion of Filadelfio Baca, a committee of three, consisting of Hon. Antonio Lucero of San Miguel county, Hon. Horace Moore of Dona Ana county and Hon. H. B. Ferguson of Bernallillo county, was appointed to escort the temporary chairmen, Hon. Antonio Joseph, to the platform.

When this duty had been performed and the temporary officer introduced to the convention, Mr. Joseph made an appropriate speech, thanking the convention for the honor which had been conferred upon him, and expressing the strongest confidence in democratic success, both in the nation and in the territory next fall. He referred to the pleasure which he gave to himself and to other delegates present to meet in Silver City, the county seat of the banner democratic county of New Mexico. Mr. Joseph spoke eloquently, and his remarks were interrupted by frequent applause, not only from the delegates, but also from the many outsiders with whom the opera house was well filled.

Hon. Antonio Lucero of San Miguel county then moved that the convention proceed with the work of organization by the adoption of a committee on credentials. The motion was carried, and after such action had been taken Hon. J. H. Crist of Rio Arriba county suggested that all of the committees be named at the same time, in order to avoid unnecessary delay. A suggestion was placed as a motion before the convention and was carried.

The following committees were then named by the different county delegations:

Credentials—A. H. McGaffey, J. F. Hutchinson, F. S. Crosson, Horace Moore, M. C. Stewart, J. W. Edwards, Filadelfio Baca, Paul Meyer, A. J. Clark, Eugenio Herrera, H. A. Morgan,

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NEW MEXICO IS SLIGHTED

The Reclamation Service is Too Slow in Inaugurating Work in This Territory.

DELEGATE RODEY ANGRY

The stalemate Bill's career is to be determined by a caucus of representatives members to be in progress Thursday evening. A special rule limiting debate and providing for a vote is expected as a result of the caucus.

Government Irrigation Works.

Progress has been made in the irrigation work of the government and is reviewed in the publication issued by the geological survey, which points out the necessity of great caution and conservatism in the extension of the reclamation work. It says that the irrigation projects accurately reported in 1903, which includes those on the Pecos river in Arizona, on the Salt river in Arizona, on Sweet Water river in Wyoming, and on the Gunnison river in Colorado, the Nevada and Arizona projects have been found feasible and construction on the conserving work has progressed to a reasonable extent. The Montana project, however, has presented unexpected engineering difficulties as well as computations regarding water rights, so the progress here is slow. It was roundly resolved to modify the first plan in order to secure early results. The Wyoming project as last outlined was round impracticable. A better reservoir site has been discovered on the Sweet Water river, so that a large system of development may be worked out there in the future. Great engineering difficulties are encountered in the Colorado project. The amount of land made thereby reclaimable is less, too, than anticipated.

Approaching End of the Session.

The present session of congress will probably terminate on April 25, according to the opinion of the senators and representatives. The Republican leaders of the senate anticipate holding a meeting of the steering committee some time during the early part of next week to arrange a general program for the remaining days of the session. No call for the meeting of the committee as yet has been issued, however.

Delegate Rodey on the Warpath.

Delegate H. S. Rodey is not only becoming impatient at the failure of the department of the interior to take up an irrigation project in New Mexico, but is expressing himself trenchantly upon the subject in the officials of the reclamation service. For two years the delegate has been visiting the department at different intervals, has written scores of letters and submitted a great body of data on this very subject, but thus far has been given but little more than smooth talk. Nevada has only 12,000 inhabitants, yet the reclamation service has started work on a \$10,000,000 project, and in Arizona, a similar undertaking is under way, while in Colorado and Montana are equally fortunate. Yet the Rio Grande valley, with its 150,000 inhabitants and settled when the English came to Jamestown, is still waiting; and that has been done being a preliminary survey and investigation. Delegate Rodey claims that the department of the interior had before the passage of the reclamation act more data about the Rio Grande valley than it had about any other section of the arid west, the data having been collected during many years of labor by Major Powell when he was at the head of the United States geologic survey.

Mr. Rodey finds the neglect of New Mexico especially galling because he has taken such an active part in the drafting and the passage of the reclamation act. During the winters of 1902 and 1903 he attended three times every week from 8 p. m. to 12 p. m. the sessions of the committee on irrigation in Senator Warren's room in the north end of the capitol, and carefully reviewed and discussed every word line and sentence of the reclamation bill, finally helping to formulate out of the fifteen to twenty proposed measures the act as it stands today. For two months the delegate has worked unceasingly on the floor of the house for the passage of the bill. Upon that ground alone, casting aside the other important considerations, New Mexico should receive some attention, and Delegate Rodey has made up his mind to use his utmost persuasion to have the department of the interior begin to reclamation work in New Mexico as earnestly as the city has been most prosperous under his administration. Mr. Meyer has made the city a good mayor.

Major-elect Frank McKee and the new board of aldermen will take up the cause of city government on Monday next, when they will be sworn into office by Probate Court Clerk J. A. Summers.

LEAP YEAR BALL GRAND SUCCESS

In the Elks' ball room and saloon hall last night the Leap Year just was carried out to its fullest extent a splendid exhibition of what the women would do if they were the pants took place. The ladies did the honors admirably six society stellar delegations.

Commission Displeased.

Owing to the visit of the Mooley commission to Chicago the members visited several of the public schools.

Seeking pointers to enlighten Englishmen.

One of the schools visited was at Pacon Park, a little train landing, where about thirty youngsters were awaiting their gray master. The youngsters said a few words at the conclusion and were made speech when they heard the visitors speak. There was one youngster who had his mother with him and his father in train, and he answered to the name of Richard Clinton. After some communication between us to the methods of the local GPO we made him known in the following language:

"The boy in the third seat back, who's your name?"

"Richard Clinton."

"You have studied history, what did we have in 1776?"

"The revolution."

"Against whom was it?"

"The British rebels."

"What did we do to these?"

"We beat them."

"Do we ever hear any more than we hear with them?"

"Yes, of 1812, we heard them."

"If we ever have any more trouble with them would we help them?"

"Yes, sir."

"At the present time the commissioners are our enemies and remainders." This forcibly causes us to teach a child a thing now that Denver Times.

HANLEY'S VERDICT

OF THE DREADFUL CATASTROPHE ON THE BATTLESHIP MISSOURI

The Citizen reporter, knowing that P. Hanley, of this city, was the chief engineer of the United States monitor force, during the war with Spain down in Cuba, met that gentleman this morning and in his conversation regarding the Missouri accident, he made the following interesting reference:

The Associated Press dispatches to not state what kind of powder was in use at the time the explosion took place, but from the fact that a similar explosion took place on board the Philadelphia, I conclude that it was brown prismatic powder.

In bring brown powder, there remains a residuum throughout the entire gun, more especially in the powder chamber, the former a solid substance resembling melted sulphur, and this matter is usually red hot when you open the breech to get ready for reloading. Right there is where you sometimes get your accidents, and here is how it happens. The moment the breech is opened the spongers wash off the residuum and sponge out the powder chamber, the former with a marine sponge and the latter with a brittle sponge. If this is well done no accidents can happen, but sometimes the man slight this very important duty with the result that this rotten mass spoken of before will not be cooled off, or there may be some burning mass of cartridge bag which have not been put out by the sponging process.

After the shell has been sent home the charges are put in, which in the case of a twelve-inch gun consist of three sections. The first section goes up against the shell and the third or last section goes up against the mush room that is to allow the breech block to send it home. If now there is any live matter in the powder chamber it is very apt to ignite your charge before you have time to close the breech block, and of course if your charge ignites before the breech is closed the gas will escape to the rear. Along with this gas will be numerous sparks of powder which are like so many balls of fire and they will fall all over, igniting other charges which may be on hand ready for the next gun.

Emil Rine of Culver, Valencia county, was at Santa Fe yesterday on matters before the land office.

HE HAS ENOUGH

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC DELEGATE EN ROUTE.

Antonio Lucero, editor of the La Voz del Pueblo, published at Las Vegas, who attended the preliminaries of the territorial democratic convention at Silver City yesterday, passed through the city this morning, returning to his Meadow City.

He said that the convention opened with delegates from every county except Roswell; and San Juan county, which was present, and the organization was completed with A. D. McDonald of Alamogordo as chairman. There was little strife displayed in the making up of the slate for the delegates to the national convention. They will be announced today. Silver City is taking care of the crowd admirably, and banquets are in order. A steam representative is on the ground, and it was evident last night that the New Mexico delegation will be instructed to the New York paper man.

Hamilton of Michigan Renominated.

Ottawa, Mich., April 14.—Congressman H. L. Hamilton was renominated by the Republicans a congressional candidate of the Fourth district. There was no opposition and the nomination was made by acclamation.

Enforce Jim Crow Law.

Richmond, Va., April 14.—The Richmond Street Car company today put into operation the cars which permits conductors to separate white and colored passengers. Any person failing or refusing to observe the direction of the conductor is liable to a fine of \$10 and may also be ejected from the car for such refusal.

THE MISSOURI CATASTROPHE

Washington, April 14.—Upon arrival at the navy department today Secretary Moody gave orders that arrangements be made for the transportation of the bodies of the five officers and twenty-five men killed on the battleship Missouri yesterday. It is said at the navy department that Rear Admiral Chadwick, who has been president of the court of Inquiry, will investigate the disaster probably will convene the court today.

Pensacola, Fla., April 14.—Two more ordinary seamen who were injured in the terrible explosion on board the battleship Missouri at target practice yesterday are dead. There is also one man of the crew still missing from the ship. It is the general opinion that the ship either blown overboard or else escaped from the fort and jumped overboard being seized with pain.

Reports say that the explosion was caused by a misfire, known as brown burning, the flames back from the mouth of the gun and through the breech, thus igniting the powder charge being used. Causes of the vessel differ in their opinion as to the cause of the explosion, but the exact cause will never be known.

Impressive ceremonies were conducted over the graves of twenty-six seamen this afternoon at the national cemetery at the navy yards.

The bodies of five dead officers are being held here awaiting advice as to their burial or shipment.

Has Not Been Located.

The Knights of Pythias of Las Vegas have been unable to obtain any trace of L. A. Jones, the Pythian of Ohio City, Ohio, concerning whose whereabouts a letter wrote to the postmaster of that town. Mr. Jones received mail at the post office a few times there, but ceased to call at the window and his mail was returned to his Ohio home. Now in Las Vegas have any recollection of the man. He seems to have left that city, leaving no word as to his destination. He was

weakish health, and one theory is that he wandered out into the hills and died. It is generally believed, however, that he went to some other town, and owing to his state of health, postponed writing to his friends.

SITUATION AT SHOPS.

Unchanged. Except the fact that a few officers have been placed on Duty.

The situation at the shops regarding the pending anarchist strike is unchanged from a week ago. A few extra special officers have been placed on duty about the yards and shop buildings. The report circled to the effect that twenty-five deputy sheriffs had been put on guard at the shops was denied at the sheriff's office this afternoon.

Every department of the machine shops is running the men are working steadily and without any outward show of discontent.

Will Leave the City.

Mrs. Jno. Tascher and children have broken up housekeeping here, the son of all household guests having occurred at the residence yesterday afternoon, and the lady and children have taken rooms at the Alvarado Hotel for the east and on route Mrs. Tascher and children will stop over for a short time with relatives and friends in Chicago, after which they will proceed on to Boston, Mass. They are excellent citizens, and many relatives are housed over their departure from the city. Ralph Tascher and sister, Miss Anna, are favorites in the younger circles, and they will be missed from the rank and file of the young people. The best wishes of The Citizen accompany them on their journey east.

Missouri River High.

Omaha, April 14.—The Missouri river has reached a mark within a few inches of the danger line and spread over the lowlands north of the city and threatens to cover the bottoms at East Omaha. Many residents of the lowlands have been forced to move.

POLICE COURT.

Bessie Carpenter, who resides on North Third street, was up in police court this morning and fined \$10 for being drunk and using profane language in the presence of constables.

Edward Herf was heavily drunk last night, and \$10 dollars or five days was registered near his name.

Tom Long is incarcerated in the jailhouse for not having a lawful life and because she could not pay a fine of \$10.

AN INTERCHANGE.

Says the Joe to the Russ, "Tow're a bloated ole Russ." Says the Russ to the Joe, "Tow're the Russ to the Joe." Says the Russ to the Russ, "Tow're a foolish young chap." —Chicago Plain Dealer.